



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichi NUMATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1795

Application No.: 09/883,966

Examiner: K. HANDAL

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For: FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the November 12, 2008 Office Action, and the personal interview conducted on February 17, 2009, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is hereby requested. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 19-22, 25, 26 and 31 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Handal in the February 17, 2009 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 19-22 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hayashi et al. (Hayashi), U.S. Patent No. 4,934,142, in view of Rao et al. (Rao), U.S. Patent No. 5,758,496, and Gadkaree et al. (Gadkaree), U.S. Patent No. 5,750,026. The rejection is respectfully traversed.